

Boston July 31st 1776

Sir

I wrote you some time past in which I informed you that I had quitted my birthplace Watertown and should have come to Philadelphia if my health would have permitted. I have in some measure recovered my health, tho' I can't say I am so well as I could wish^{rely} I should be glad to be doing something as I am entirely out employ now and every necessary of life very dear —

As I have not rec'd any letter from you since that of the 16th of June, and your having sent for Captⁿ Cazneau to come to Philadelphia, I am at present at a loss to know whether I am to come to you at Philadelphia or be employed here, if I could serve your Interest as well, the most stirring department would be most agreeable to me, as I have found by experience that close writing has been very prejudicial to my health — however I am willing to serve you where it shall be most for your Interest — I shall be glad to hear from you soon as I shall^{not} engage in any business (should any offer) till I hear from you — Your friend Mr Bent has been very ill since his return from Philadelphia but hope he will soon be restored to health again —

I am glad you have enjoyed so much health during your more abundant Labour in the cause of America, I pray God to continue your health & usefulness to these American States & go on to crown your Labour with success — Mr Lowell joins me in Compliments to your good Lady —

I am with the greatest respect
In Your Most Obed^t Serv^t

Hon^d John Hancock

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To

The Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^r

Philadelphia

Office of Capt. Carrneau

July 18 1776
John Jay